

The Spire

April 2025



"For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive."

~ 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Mission: Deep Sea VBS

We are so excited to announce that Upland Baptist Church will offer VBS again this summer! We invite children to spend time with us learning about the depths of Christ's love for us.

- **When:** Monday, July 7 – Thursday, July 10 from 6:00 – 8:15 PM
- **Where:** UBC Chapel
- **Who:** Incoming PreK 4, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders*
- **Cost:** FREE



Each night, we'll hear Bible stories about God's miracles, sing worship songs together, make crafts, and play games. Children will also receive an allergy-friendly snack each evening.

Registration is open on **March 31st**, but we will also accept walk-in participants. Sign up on our website: www.uplandbaptist.org. Please call the office with any questions (610) 874-7474. We appreciate your help in spreading the word!

**Incoming 6th-12th graders are encouraged to participate as student helpers to assist leaders each day. Please call the office for more information (610) 874-7474.*



A Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Please bring gloves, clippers, and rakes to help beautify the Church grounds.

VBS Volunteer Info Session

Following worship on Sunday, April 6, we'll hold a volunteer information session to give you an idea of what to expect. In addition to volunteers during the week, we'll also need people to help beforehand with various preparations. Please considering coming to the meeting even if you're unavailable the week of VBS.

All adult volunteers MUST have their clearances on file by Thursday, July 3rd to participate.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday – April 13

10:00 AM Sunday Worship*

Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:00 PM Communion Prayer Stations
(in-person only)

Good Friday – April 18

7:00 PM Good Friday Service*

Easter – April 20

6:30 AM Sunrise Service in the cemetery
behind the church (in-person only)
-Breakfast to follow

10:00 AM Sunday Worship*

*Service is either in-person or online

Maundy Thursday



On Maundy Thursday, we will be trying something different. From 7:00 to 8:00 PM, we will have the Chapel open for you to experience prayer stations. These stations will be on topics of journeying, healing, living generously, etc, and end with you being able to take communion. Each station will have a guided activity that you do on your own, spending whatever time you would like to spend. Pastor Brenda will be at the final station offering communion. You can come and go as you please during this time.

Good Friday service will be a traditional 30-minute worship service in the sanctuary.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April and May

April Birthdays

3 Jean Giordano
13 Dan Miller
20 Angela Waltman
24 David Pysher
John Shaw
Denise Sweeney
27 Barry Armstrong
28 Stephanie Abbonizio



May Birthdays

1 Matthew Shaw
5 David Geveke
Darlene Pysher
15 Akky Geveke
17 Thomas Geveke
24 Dennis Decker
26 Jackie Wright
27 Hans Geveke



May Anniversaries

4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
10 Joan and Dennis Decker
14 Steve and Angela Waltman

Easter Egg Hunt



The traditional craft and egg hunt will take place following the Easter worship service on Sunday, April 20th. There will be tons of fun for kids of all ages. We will be making crafts to celebrate Jesus and his love for us before the kids search for goodies left by the Easter Bunny. This is an event not to be missed.

Blue Rocks Save the Date!



We're headed to a Wilmington Blue Rocks Game on Friday, June 20 at 6:35 PM—fireworks to follow!

If you're interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office at (610) 874-7474. The price is \$16 for great Field Box tickets.

Please give your payment to Dave Geveke or put it in the offering basket with your name and "Blue Rocks" on the envelope. Make checks payable to Upland Baptist Church. Payment is due by April 30.

Sponsor a Child for VBS

We understand that not everyone can volunteer for VBS, but you can still support this program in other ways! Why not sponsor a child with a small donation?

For \$20, one child can participate in a week of VBS. Your donation ensures that each child has the following:

- A daily snack
- Materials for daily lessons, crafts, and games
- A refillable water bottle
- A drawstring bag to keep their personal belongings
- Bible-themed take-home items (bracelets, pencils, stickers, etc.)

If you'd like to sponsor a child, please put your donation in the collection plate or drop it off to the office or mail to 325 Main Street, Upland, PA 19015.

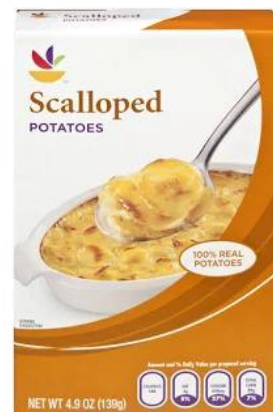
Please make checks payable to Upland Baptist Church and put VBS in the memo.

Food Bank

The item of the month for April is

Scalloped Potatoes

Please donate anytime during the month.



Devotional Thought...

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

~Proverbs 3:5 (CSB)

The Oxford Learner's Dictionary defines trust as the belief that someone or something is good, sincere, honest, etc. and will not try to harm or trick you. In the Bible, trusting is believing in the promises of God in all circumstances, even in those where the evidence seems to be to the contrary. Trust is mentioned nearly 100 times in the Bible and appears in almost every book. There are over thirty references to trust in the Psalms alone!

God, You have my best intentions at heart. Help me grow in my trust in You. Amen.

~Dave Geveke



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